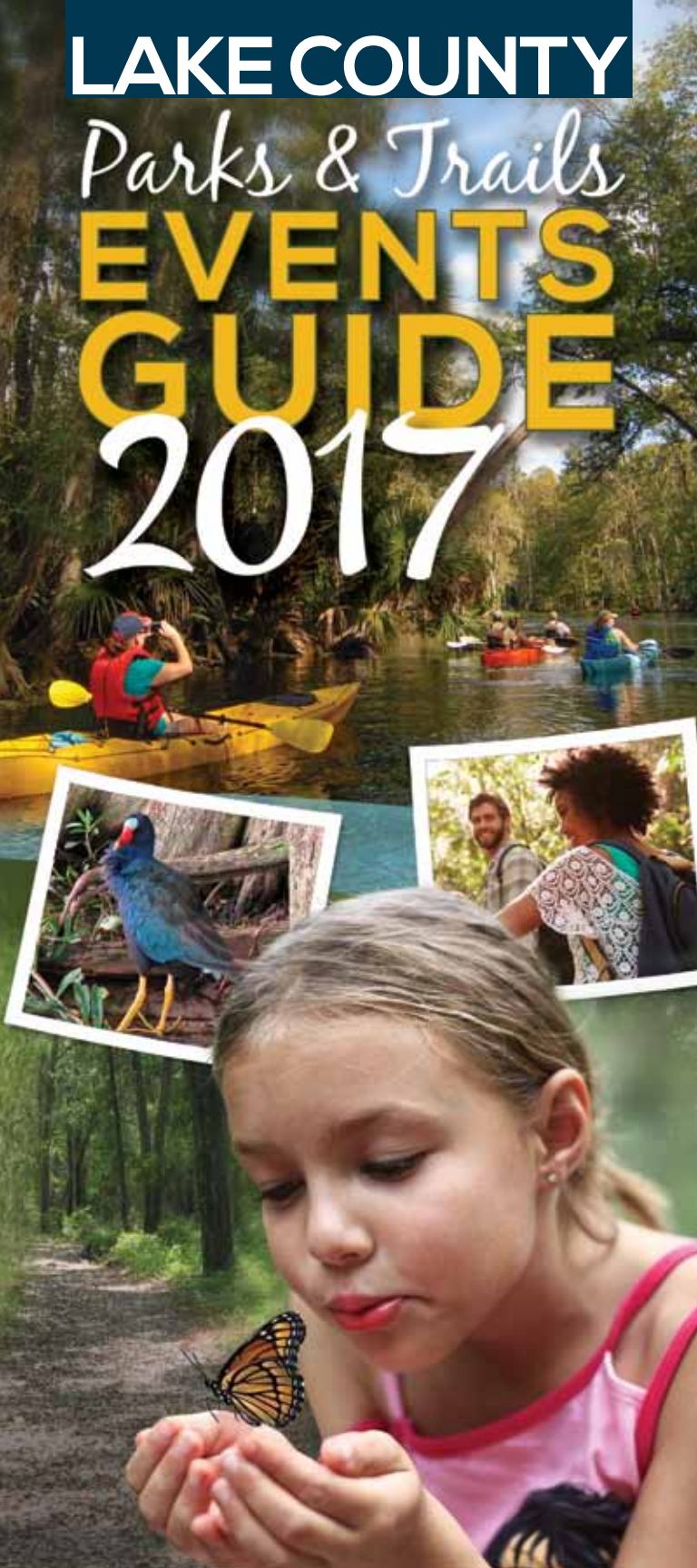


LAKE COUNTY

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LAKE COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS

An abundance of passive and active recreation opportunities



The Lake County Public Resources Department, Parks & Trails Division, manages more than three dozen parks, preserves and boat ramps. With more than 1,100 acres of county parkland, over 2,700 acres of protected public lands, 20 miles of multi-use paved recreational trails and 162 miles of blueways, Lake County has a variety of options for both passive and active recreation.

Some of the most popular recreation spots in the county include North Lake Community Park in Umatilla, Lake Idamere Park in Tavares, PEAR Park in Leesburg, Lake May Reserve in Eustis, as well as the South Lake Trail, Ferndale Preserve and the Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead located in the southern region of the county.

Park staff lead regularly scheduled nature hikes and bird and butterfly surveys in some of these parks. Participants





will enjoy seeing the diverse ecosystems and unique assortment of wildlife located at the parks. During the bird and butterfly surveys, novice and expert census-takers are invited to assist staff with tracking the bird and butterfly populations at the parks.

In addition to land-based events offered by the Lake County Parks & Trails Division, the staff teams up with the Lake County Water Authority for several guided paddling tours throughout the year. During these tours, canoeists and kayakers can trek through some of Lake County's many freshwater lakes and rivers.





For more information about the many Lake County parks, trails and boat ramps, call the Parks & Trails Division at 352-253-4950, visit www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks, email parksandtrails@lakecountyfl.gov or follow them at www.facebook.com/LakeCountyFLParks.

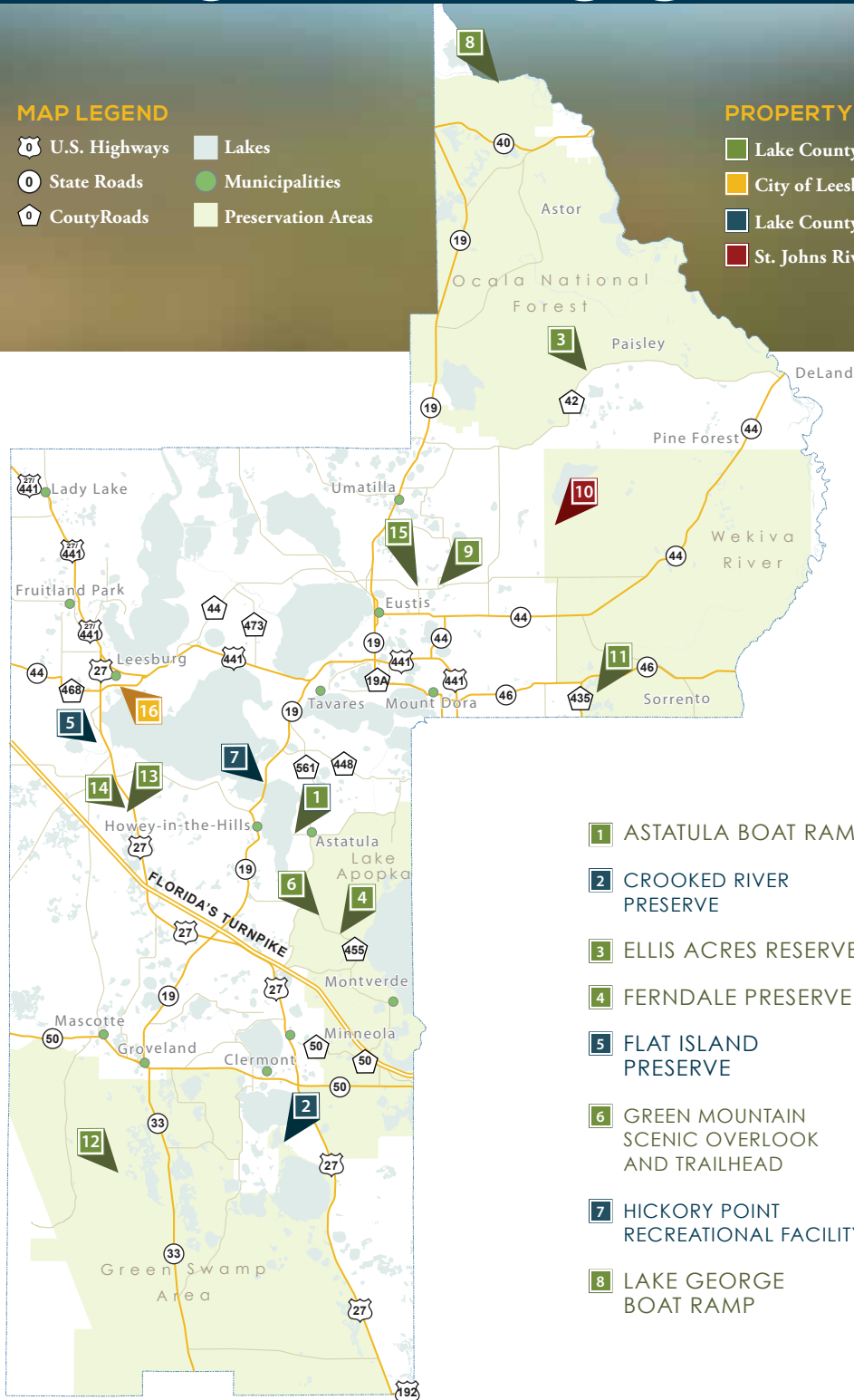
FEATURED LOCATIONS

MAP LEGEND

-  U.S. Highways
-  State Roads
-  County Roads
-  Lakes
-  Municipalities
-  Preservation Areas

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INFO

-  Lake County Board of County Commissioners
-  City of Leesburg
-  Lake County Water Authority
-  St. Johns River Water Management District



-  1 ASTATULA BOAT RAMP
-  2 CROOKED RIVER PRESERVE
-  3 ELLIS ACRES RESERVE
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-  11 NEIGHBORHOOD LAKES RESERVE
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-  14 PEAR PARK (NATURE CENTER/WCA)
-  15 PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA
-  16 VENETIAN GARDENS

FEATURED LOCATIONS



1 ASTATULA BOAT RAMP

12703 Florida Ave., Astatula

Access to Little Lake Harris and Lake Harris Blueway Run.

2 CROOKED RIVER PRESERVE

11121 Lake Louisa Road, Clermont

Located in the south end of Lake County, this 64-acre preserve protects a beautiful undisturbed section of waterfront on Lake Louisa, as well as frontage along the Palatka River. The preserve's trails allow for passive recreation and exploration of the remnant sandhill plant community and wetlands. This property is owned and operated by the Lake County Water Authority.

3 ELLIS ACRES RESERVE

25302 County Road 42, Paisley

The 417-acre reserve contains longleaf pine wooded pasture and forested wetlands and sits on the western shoreline of Lake Akron. Many species of wildlife can be found at the site including the Florida black bear, sandhill crane, white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

4 FERNDALE PRESERVE

19220 County Road 455, Ferndale

The 196-acre Ferndale Preserve is located off County Road 455 in South Lake County on the western shore of Lake Apopka. The preserve is a sandhill longleaf pine restoration site and has equestrian and hiking trails offering beautiful vistas of Lake Apopka and the surrounding area.

5 FLAT ISLAND PRESERVE

2301 Owens Road, Leesburg

This property safeguards an impressive and relatively undisturbed natural area consisting of marshes, hardwood swamps, and upland hardwood hammocks. The members of the Florida Trail Association have donated over 1,000 volunteer hours to construct and maintain 4 1/2 miles of foot trails that now provide public access throughout the property. This property is owned and operated by the Lake County Water Authority.

6 GREEN MOUNTAIN SCENIC OVERLOOK AND TRAILHEAD

20700 County Road 455, Ferndale

This beautiful site, offering views of the North Shore Restoration Area and Lake Apopka [sitting 132' above sea level], is just a short distance from Sugarloaf Mountain (the highest point in peninsular Florida at 312'), and located along the State Designated Green Mountain Scenic Byway. In addition to the scenic beauty, it is an amazing location for birding and butterfly watching, with over 100 species of birds and 20 species of butterflies. The site offers a connection to the Lake Apopka Loop Trail, allowing hikers and bikers to trek some 18 miles across the North Shore of Lake Apopka to Magnolia Park in Orange County.

7 HICKORY POINT RECREATIONAL PARK

27341 State Road 19, Tavares

Created as a unique, recreational waterfront park, the 68-acre facility is located along the shore of Lake Harris and features a two-story screened picnic pavilion, boardwalk nature trail, playground, sand volleyball and marina. This property is owned and operated by the Lake County Water Authority.

8 LAKE GEORGE BOAT RAMP

58300 Lake George Road, Astor

This single paved ramp provides access to Blue Creek Run on Lake George, the second largest lake in the state.

9 LAKE MAY RESERVE

36300 County Road 44A, Eustis
N 28°52'20.05" W 81°37'47.62"

Lake May Reserve totals approximately 136 acres. The landscape consists of xeric oak hammock and a mix of upland scrub, pine and hardwood forested areas. The property also features Lake May, a 20-acre lake, along with the associated wetlands.

FEATURED LOCATIONS



10 LAKE NORRIS CONSERVATION AREA

38343 Lake Norris Road, Eustis
N 28°54'32.5764" W 81°32'55.0212"

This 2,228-acre property was purchased by the St. Johns River Water Management District to provide protection for Lake Norris's hardwood swamp and Blackwater Creek, a major tributary of the Wekiva River. The Lake County Water Authority manages the primitive camping and paddling opportunities year-round for the property.

11 NEIGHBORHOOD LAKES RESERVE

Fenimore St., Sorrento
N 28°47'32.00" W 81°31'36.26"

This 210-acre reserve located adjacent to Rock Springs Run State Reserve will serve as a corridor for the future Neighborhood Lakes Trail. The area contains many different sizes and types of habitats, including freshwater marsh, xeric hammock and pine flatwoods. The property has a high recharge value for the Floridan Aquifer and is located in the Wekiva Springshed Protection Area. Public access to this property is only allowed during events.

12 PASTURE RESERVE

5144 Lake Erie Road, Groveland
N 28°28'43.80" W 81°52'42.19"

The Pasture Reserve is located in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern, the literal "heart" of the Floridan aquifer, and is a mosaic of uplands and wetlands. The 810-acre property is home to white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, American alligators and gopher tortoises, among others.

13 PEAR PARK (GATEWAY)

26701 U.S. Highway 27, Leesburg

The "Gateway" is the front 50 acres of PEAR Park and represents the active use area, offering softball fields, a multi-use field, pickleball, tennis and basketball courts, pavilions with grills, playground, dog park and hiking trails that connect to the Wildlife Conservation Area.

14 PEAR PARK – NATURE CENTER & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA (WCA)

4800 University Ave., Leesburg

PEAR Park's Wildlife Conservation Area consists of 268 acres located at the end of University Avenue. The focus of this area of the park centers on conservation and restoration of historic ecosystems, threatened and endangered species and passive outdoor recreational opportunities, like bird watching and wildlife viewing. This facility includes a nature center, and the Wildlife Watch Post, Lake County's newest destination for birders, native plant enthusiasts and nature photographers.

15 PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA

N 28°88'40.33 W-81°66'30.54

Pine Meadows is a 770-acre property acquired as surplus from the St. Johns River Water Management District, with the property eyed as a central hub between Trout Lake and the Lake May Reserve Trail. When the park opens in late 2016, it will feature an entry road, boat ramp and parking area. Future plans for the conservation area could include pavilions, restrooms and a playground.

16 VENETIAN GARDENS

201 E. Dixie Ave., Leesburg

Venetian Gardens will serve as the main grounds for the Fifth Annual Wings & Wildflowers Festival. Various shows, exhibits, presentations and workshops will be held at the park during the Festival. This 65-acre park features a large boat ramp, day use swimming beach, boardwalks, outdoor picnic areas, walking paths and playground. This property is owned and operated by the City of Leesburg.

INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

Staff encourages participants of the regularly scheduled nature hikes and bird and butterfly surveys to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Hikers should also bring binoculars, field guides, cameras, sunscreen, insect repellent, water and snacks. In partnership with the Lake County Water Authority, participants for the guided paddling adventures can bring their own canoes or kayaks, life vests and paddles, or the items will be provided.

PADDLING ADVENTURES

The Lake County Water Authority coordinates most paddling adventures. For more information on these guided tours, contact the Lake County Water Authority at 352-324-6141. All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver for the paddling trips and those who attend can bring their own canoe or kayak and related equipment. Reservations are required for all paddle trips.

RESERVATIONS

Hikes, Surveys and Classes

Most hikes are limited to the first 20 individuals to place reservations. To make reservations for the guided hikes, classes and bird & butterfly surveys, complete the online reservation form at www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks/event_reservations.aspx. For additional information call the Lake County Parks & Trails Division at 352-253-4950 during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email parksandtrails@lakecountyfl.gov

Paddling Adventures

Reservations are required for all paddling adventures. For the safety of those participating in guided paddling adventures, most are limited to 15 vessels. To make reservations for the paddling adventures, call the Lake County Water Authority at 352-324-6141, ext. 0, during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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RATING

PADDLING DIFFICULTY RATING SYSTEM



These paddling adventures offer an easy pace and an average-to-sedentary level of fitness. Paddling may be on local creeks or shorelines. Time is usually two hours or less and distance is typically one mile or less, depending on currents.



An average level of fitness is recommended for these moderate paddles, which may be on a waterway with obstructions or currents. Time is usually three hours or less and distance is typically two to four miles.



These paddling adventures are generally more challenging, depending on an individual's experience and level of fitness. Paddling is more difficult due to the length of the trip and paddling conditions. Time is more than three hours and distance is typically more than four miles.

HIKING DIFFICULTY RATING SYSTEM



These hikes offer an easy pace and are recommended for average-to-sedentary level of fitness. Hikes are usually on a paved trail or boardwalk. Distance is typically one mile or less.



An average level of fitness is recommended as these moderate hikes may be on a trail of uneven terrain with a distance of two miles or less.



These hikes are generally more challenging, depending on an individual's experience and level of fitness. Hikes are more difficult due to hills and distances of greater than two miles.

JANUARY

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Saturday, January 7, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

AFTER DARK AT PEAR PARK

PEAR Park WCA / 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure to see wildlife as the sun sets at PEAR Park.

Friday, January 13, 2017

CROOKED RIVER PADDLING ADVENTURE

Crooked River Preserve / 9 a.m. to noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails



PADDLE

Join naturalists for an after-the-holidays paddle to enjoy wildlife and natural areas along Florida waterways.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

PEAR PARK NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

PEAR Park - WCA / 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Explore the nature center, which features a collection of rocks, minerals, fossils, sand and shells that can be viewed under a microscope.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park--WCA / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

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Saturday, January 14, 2017

MINI COURSE ON IDENTIFYING MINERALS

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 10 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Hands-on mini course on identifying minerals for students 10 years old and up accompanied by a parent.

Saturday, January 21, 2017

KIDS HIKING TRIP

PEAR Park Gateway / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails





HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn how to hike in the woods and the proper gear needed for a safe and fun trip.

FEBRUARY

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 Nature Event
 Paddling Event

Sunday, January 22, 2017

ELLIS ACRES RESERVE NATURE HIKE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Enjoy a hike exploring the ecology of the uplands and wetlands of Ellis Acres Reserve, home to black bears, sandhill cranes, wild turkeys and white-tailed deer.



Saturday, January 28, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, January 28, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, February 4, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, February 4, 2017

NATURE HIKE

Lake May Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Staff will give participants a guided tour of the property identifying plants and animals, as well as discussing site management.



Wednesday, February 8, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAY

Ferndale Preserve / 8-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

WORKDAY

Opportunity for the community to give back to their county parks by assisting staff in some site maintenance.



Saturday, February 11, 2017

HISTORY HIKE: WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FLORIDA'S PIONEERS

Ferndale Preserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Walk in the footsteps of Native Americans during a slow-paced, approximately two-mile hike on uneven, hilly terrain.



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Saturday, February 11, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, February 11, 2017

PEAR PARK NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, February 11, 2017

MINI COURSE ON IDENTIFYING MINERALS

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 10 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Hands-on mini course on identifying minerals for students 10 years old and up accompanied by a parent.

Saturday, February 18, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Saturday, February 18, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, February 18, 2017

HELENA RUN PADDLING ADVENTURE

Flat Island Preserve / 9 a.m. to noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails



PADDLE

A unique paddle tracing the steamboat route into Lake Denham and visiting Flat Island Preserve. Join naturalists on this trip to see local wildlife at the Okahumpka Marsh and discuss its history.

Saturday, February 25, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

ECOLOGY HIKE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Visit Ellis Acres Reserve and learn about the ecology of the preserve and the nearby Ocala National Forest.

MARCH

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Saturday, March 4, 2017

MOUNTAIN BIKE THE PASTURE RESERVE

Pasture Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

BIKE

Explore this 800-acre reserve by bicycle on a guided tour by park staff. Participants must bring their own bicycle.



Saturday, March 4, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.



Sunday, March 5, 2017

WHO LAYS EGGS

PEAR Park WCA / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on a learning adventure to discover that more than just birds lay eggs.



Saturday, March 11, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, March 11, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, March 11, 2017

BLUE CREEK PADDLING ADVENTURE

Lake George Boat Ramp / 9 a.m. to noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE

Join Lake County Parks & Trails and Lake County Water Authority staff in exploring Blue Creek Run Paddling Trail. Learn about plants, wildlife and the St. Johns River system.



Saturday, March 11, 2017

MINI COURSE ON FOSSILS

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

A hands-on mini course on fossils is offered for students ages 10 and up, accompanied by an adult.



Saturday, March 11, 2017

PEAR PARK NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 10 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Sunday, March 12, 2017

ECOLOGY HIKE AT LAKE MAY RESERVE

Lake May Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE

Discover the systems and processes of Lake May Reserve, the wildlife that live there and what's being done to protect native habitat while preventing exotic species encroachment.

Saturday, March 18, 2017

KIDS MAP & COMPASS

PEAR Park Gateway / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn to use a compass and work their way around an orienteering course.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

HISTORY HIKE: WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FLORIDA'S PIONEERS

PEAR Park Gateway / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE

Walk in the footsteps of Native Americans during a slow-paced, approximately two-mile hike on uneven, hilly terrain.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, March 25, 2017

SNAKE SAFETY FOR KIDS

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Snakes are a beneficial part in the balance of any ecosystem. Join park staff in identifying which snakes are venomous and what to do if you encounter them.

Sunday, March 26, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT WORKDAY

Ferndale Preserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



WORKDAY

Opportunity for the community to give back to their county parks by assisting staff in some site maintenance.



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Nature Event

Paddling Event

Saturday, April 1, 2017

KIDS ANIMAL HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn about animal tracks and the creatures that made them.



Saturday, April 1, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Sunday, April 2, 2017

BLUE BIRD BLITZ

PEAR Park--WCA / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

The Florida Bluebird Society's annual Spring Bluebird Blitz is a fun way to count and monitor Eastern Bluebirds in Florida.



Saturday, April 8, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, April 8, 2017

PEAR ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT SALE

PEAR Park-WCA / 8 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

PEAR Park Association's annual native plant sale benefits the activities and restoration efforts at the park. While browsing, get tips on growing from the experts.



Saturday, April 8, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT 101

PEAR Park Gateway / 9 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL

Learn about land management, how it is being used at PEAR Park, and how you can use the same techniques at your home to improve habitat for wildlife.



Saturday, April 8, 2017

PEAR PARK NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Explore the nature center, which features a collection of rocks, minerals, fossils, sand and shells that can be viewed under a microscope.



Saturday, April 8, 2017

MINI-COURSE FORMATION OF LANDFORMS: MOUNTAINS AND MORE

PEAR Park-Nature Center / 10 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

For students 10 years and older. Must be accompanied by an adult.



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Friday, April 14, 2017

AFTER DARK AT PEAR PARK

PEAR Park - WCA / 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Enjoy a guided adventure to see wildlife as the sun sets at PEAR Park.



Saturday, April 15, 2017

KIDS KNOTS

PEAR Park - WCA / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn how Native Americans made rope, how to tie basic knots, and what they are used for.



Saturday, April 15, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.



Saturday, April 22, 2017

EARTH DAY WORKDAY

Neighborhood Lakes Reserve / 8-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

WORKDAY

Celebrate Earth Day by providing some helping hands and learning plant identification at Ferndale Preserve.



Sunday, April 23, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT 101

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL

Learn about land management, how it is being used at Ferndale Preserve, and how you can use the same techniques at your home to improve habitat for wildlife.



Friday, April 28, 2017

BLACKWATER CREEK PADDLING ADVENTURE

Lake Norris Conservation Area / 9 a.m. to noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE

Considered one of the best paddles in Lake County, staff will guide participants on a tour of the renowned blackwater creek, part of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River system. Paddlers can expect to see wading birds, ibis, osprey, robins, warblers and more.



Saturday, April 29, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park--WCA / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, April 29, 2017

BUTTERFLY ACADEMY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL

Beyond nectar: weeds as host plants, butterfly eggs and caterpillars.



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MAY

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 **Nature Event**
 **Paddling Event**

Saturday, May 6, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, May 6, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT 101

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL

Learn about land management, how it is being used at Ellis Acres Reserve, and how you can use the same techniques at your home to improve habitat for wildlife.



Saturday, May 13, 2017

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Held the second Saturday in May each year, this count provides a snapshot of bird migration across North America.



Saturday, May 13, 2017

COMMON SENSE ANIMAL AWARENESS HIKE

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 8-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Don't be scared, be animal aware. Join a Park Ranger for an educational talk and short hike for tips on how to be safe while enjoying nature.



Saturday, May 13, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.



Saturday, May 13, 2017

SNAKE SAFETY

PEAR Park Gateway / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL

Snakes are a beneficial part in the balance of any ecosystem. Join park staff in identifying which snakes are venomous and what to do if you encounter them.



Sunday, May 14, 2017

BIRD NESTS

PEAR Park WCA / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids are invited to visit PEAR Park and learn about nesting birds.



Saturday, May 20, 2017

BEGINNERS PADDLING CLASS

Hickory Point Recreational Facility / 9 a.m. to noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE



Annual class teaches the basics of paddling and introduces novices to different types of canoes and kayaks with naturalists leading the group on a fun paddle on Little Lake Harris.



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-  Nature Event
-  Paddling Event

JUNE

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Sunday, May 21, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT 101

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL

Learn about land management, how it is being used at Lake May Reserve, and how you can use the same techniques at your home to improve habitat for wildlife.

Saturday, May 27, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Saturday, May 27, 2017

GARDENING WITH WILDFLOWERS

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL

From lawns to meadows, discover the process and joy of adding life to your landscape.

Saturday, June 3, 2017

ECOLOGY HIKE AT ELLIS ACRES RESERVE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE

Visit Ellis Acres Reserve and learn about the ecology of the preserve and the nearby Ocala National Forest.

Saturday, June 10, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT 101

Pasture Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL

Learn about land management, how it is being used at Pasture Reserve, and how you can use the same techniques at home to improve habitat for wildlife.

Saturday, June 10, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Saturday, June 17, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

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- Nature Event
- Paddling Event

Saturday, June 17, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Saturday, June 24, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Sunday, June 18, 2017

LAND MANAGEMENT 101

Neighborhood Lakes Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL

Learn about Land Management, how it is being used at Neighborhood Lakes Reserve, and how you can use the same techniques at home to improve habitat for wildlife.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring out the scientist in you and discover some of the how, what, who, when and why along the way.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY



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JULY

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 Nature Event
 Paddling Event

Saturday, July 8, 2017

KIDS MAP & COMPASS

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn to use a compass and work their way around an orienteering course.



Wednesday, July 12, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring out the scientist in you and discover some of the how, what, who, when and why along the way.



Saturday, July 15, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, July 15, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Monday, July 17, 2017

WILDFLOWER HIKE

PEAR Park WCA / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Park Staff will be exploring PEAR Park's diverse wildflowers.



Wednesday, July 19, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring out the scientist in you and discover some of the how, what, who, when and why along the way.



Saturday, July 22, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.



Sunday, July 23, 2017

ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS

Lake May Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure to discover evidence of the animal life that utilizes the park as their home range.



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■ Nature Event
■ Paddling Event

AUGUST

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Wednesday, July 26, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring out the scientist in you and discover some of the how, what, who, when and why along the way.

Saturday, July 29, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring out the scientist in you and discover some of the how, what, who, when and why along the way.

Saturday, August 5, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

INVESTIGATION STATION

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, August 12, 2017

WILDFLOWER AND BUTTERFLY HIKE

PEAR Park – WCA / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE

Join staff at PEAR Park as the butterflies and wildflowers are reaching their high points for the year. Learn some tips for how to attract them to your yard as well.



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SEPTEMBER

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Saturday, August 19, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park--WCA / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, August 19, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.



Saturday, August 26, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, August 26, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, September 9, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, September 9, 2017

RIVER TRAIL WORKDAY

PEAR Park Gateway / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

WORKDAY

Join staff in the maintenance and restoration of the native plant species along the PEAR Park river trail. Bring gloves, water and wear comfortable clothing.



Saturday, September 9, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, September 16, 2017

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Held the third Saturday in September every year to provide a snapshot of fall migration across North America.





■ Nature Event
■ Paddling Event

Saturday, September 16, 2017
WILDFLOWER PROPAGATION HIKE
PEAR Park WCA / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Parks staff will teach guests about propagating and growing plants and where they can be used in the landscape.



Saturday, September 23, 2017
QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, September 23, 2017
KIDS HIKING TRIP

PEAR Park Gateway / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn how to hike in the woods and the proper gear needed for a safe and fun trip.



Saturday, September 23, 2017
SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Friday, September 29, 2017
NOCTURNAL MIGRATION

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead / 7-9 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY / EDUCATIONAL

A short hike to explore the property before sunset, and then weather permitting, participants will hear and see migratory birds flying past the full moon.



Saturday, September 30, 2017
MOUNTAIN BIKE THE PASTURE RESERVE

Pasture Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

BIKE

Get some exercise biking 4-5 miles through the Green Swamp on the trails of the Pasture Reserve. Staff will discuss the wetland systems and will answer questions. Participants must bring their own bikes and equipment.



Saturday, September 30, 2017
SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails




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OCTOBER

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-  Nature Event
-  Paddling Event
-  Special Event

October 6-8, 2017 LAKE COUNTY'S WINGS AND WILDFLOWERS FESTIVAL

Venetian Gardens, Leesburg / **Varies**

Hosted by the Lake County Economic Development & Tourism in partnership with the City of Leesburg

EDUCATIONAL / HIKE / PADDLE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Lake County's 6th Annual Wings & Wildflowers Festival showcases the beauty and significance of birds and wildflowers in the area through education and adventure. For details, visit www.wingsandwildflowers.com.



Thursday, October 19, 2017

LOWER WEKIVA CLEAN-UP

Katie's Landing / 9-11 a.m.

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE

Take a paddling trip with naturalists on Florida's National Scenic River, the Wekiva River, to experience the abundant wildlife and beautiful surroundings. While participants travel the waterway, they can help preserve the health of the river by picking up litter along the way.



Saturday, October 21, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park--WCA / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, October 21, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an adventure of exploration and discovery while brushing up on science. Topics may include arthropod adaptations, animal habitats, outdoor life, aquatic organisms and more.



Sunday, October 22, 2017

PLANTING DAY

Ferndale Preserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

WORKDAY

Help staff add color by assisting in planting native plants to this popular preserve.



Saturday, October 28, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

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Saturday, October 28, 2017

PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA BIRD & WILDLIFE HIKE

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 8-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Opportunity to experience the birds and other wildlife of this newly acquired county conservation area.



Saturday, October 28, 2017

KIDS ANIMAL HIKE

PEAR Park WCA / 9-10:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Kids can learn about animal tracks and the creatures that create them.



Saturday, October 28, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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NOVEMBER

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Saturday, November 4, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, November 4, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, November 11, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, November 11, 2017

PEAR PARK NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

PEAR-Nature Center / 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Check out PEAR Park's Nature Center and speak with an expert volunteer who will discuss local wildlife, rocks, minerals and more.



Saturday, November 18, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, November 18, 2017

DOUBLE RUN/LAKE HARRIS BLUEWAY PADDLING ADVENTURE

Astatula Boat Ramp / 9 a.m. to noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE

Tucked away on Little Lake Harris is the Double Run Spring, where naturalists will lead paddlers to explore this hidden paradise and the wildlife that call this area home.



Sunday, November 19, 2017

NATURE HIKE

Neighborhood Lakes Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Visit Neighborhood Lakes Reserve to explore this property in search of wildlife, birds and native plants.



DECEMBER

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Saturday, December 2, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Volunteers are needed to assist in surveying the park's birds and butterflies. Experience is a plus but not required. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Saturday, December 2, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, December 9, 2017

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

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Saturday, December 9, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Friday, December 15, 2017

WILDLIFE NIGHT HIKE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 5-7 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE

Join parks staff to learn about the animals who inhabit the preserve after dark.



Saturday, December 16, 2017

SCIENCE SATURDAY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9-11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

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■ Nature Event
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DISCOVER LAKE COUNTY'S

Blueways

Enjoy a series of recreational waterway trails, scenically located along the lakes, rivers and canals of Lake County for canoeists and kayakers.

Learn more about the area's nine blueways and download maps at www.paddlelake.com

EXPLORING THE

South Lake Trail

Lake County's most popular multi-use trail

Visitors to the South Lake Trail can enjoy beautiful hilltop vistas, lovely lake scenery, varied elevations, perfect picnic spots and charming parks.

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